

PHARMACY ALERT! Update 05/21/08

NPI Compliance for Prescribers

As of Friday, May 23, 2008, all Vermont Medicaid pharmacy claims will need to be submitted using the Prescriber 10 digit NPI ID.

Vermont Medicaid will allow the use of NPI's when processing claims beginning on **May 21st**. You may use either Vermont Medicaid ID number or NPI ID prior to May 23rd. As of May 23rd claims will no longer be accepted if submitted with the Vermont Medicaid ID that is presently in use and will reject with the error message 25 reading "Missing/Invalid Prescriber ID". All prescribers registered in the Vermont Medicaid Network should have NPI numbers assigned.

When processing a claim, please follow these specifications from our payer sheet:

Prescriber Segment – Situational			Segment is Required for B1 and B3 transactions.
NCPDP Field	Field Name	Mandatory Situational Repeating	
111-AM	SEGMENT IDENTIFICATION	M	03
466-EZ	PRESCRIBER ID QUALIFIER	S	Required. Use 01 only
411-DB	PRESCRIBER ID	S	Required. NPI ID
467-1E	PRESCRIBER LOCATION CODE	S	Not Required.
427-DR	PRESCRIBER LAST NAME	S	Not Required.
498-PM	PRESCRIBER PHONE NUMBER	S	Not Required.
468-2E	PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER ID QUALIFIER	S	Not Required.
421-DL	PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER ID	S	Not Required.
469-H5	PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER LOCATION CODE	S	Not Required.
470-4E	PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER LAST NAME	S	Not Required.

There are two websites available to help you find prescriber's NPIs.

A. From the NPPES (National Plan & Provider Enumeration System). You may run simple queries to retrieve this read-only data. Users may search for a prescriber by the first and last name.

<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/NPIRegistrySearch.do?subAction=reset&searchType=ind>

OR

B. You can access a listing of NPIs registered with Vermont Medicaid by going to

<https://www.vtmedicaid.com/> and following these steps:

- (1) Click on "Downloads"
- (2) Click on "Provider Listings" (in the left column)
- (3) Choose either Excel File, Text File or PDF File to the right of "Active Providers" (depending on which format you want to view the NPI IDs). If searching for one NPI ID, it is easiest to use the PDF file and type in the last name of the prescriber in the "find" box and then press "enter". If there are multiple prescribers with the same last name, just keep pressing "enter".

Please note that prescribers must have also registered their NPIs with EDS in order to be recognized as participating in the Vermont Medicaid network. Following May 23rd, if you cannot locate a prescriber's NPI number or have other questions about a prescriber's NPI ID, please call **EDS Provider Enrollment** at (800) 925-1706 (in-state callers) or (802) 878-7871 (out-of-state callers).